

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-16 are pending in the present application, claim 7 having been cancelled herein. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was objected to and claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to overcome this objection and rejection. Applicant submits that none of the amendments change the scope of the claims and are not narrowing amendments, but matters of form only. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-16 are allowable over the prior art.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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